

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781. 5

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency general Washington, dated the 9th of July, 1781; and the following message:

By THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

THOUGH a meeting of this house was prevented by the same cause which occasioned a want of members to constitute a house of delegates, we perfectly concur in sentiment with you, that the general assembly now met ought to elect a governor and council by joint ballot as soon as possible.

We are ready immediately to ballot for a governor, and agree to join in electing a council tomorrow at twelve o'clock. Richard Barnes and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, are appointed by this, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house in examining the ballot boxes.

No gentleman is named in this house for governor in addition to the gentleman named by you.
By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which were read.

The house, having qualified for that purpose in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, That Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; was unanimously elected. Whereupon RESOLVED, That Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; be and is hereby declared governor of Maryland.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Dent and Mr. Caufin.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed to examine the ballot boxes, have reported, that Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; was unanimously elected governor of this state; we think it proper to notify the same to him, and have appointed Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Fitzhugh to join any members of your house for that purpose.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have appointed William Hindman, Esq; to join the gentlemen nominated by you, to inform the governor of his appointment.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 20, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. James Mills, a delegate returned for St. Mary's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house.

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a message to the senate, proposing a joint committee of both houses, for the purpose of draughting an address or vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington, and directing an entertainment to be prepared for him; and that Mr. Chase, Mr. B. T. B. Worthington, and Mr. Stone, be a committee for that purpose.

A letter of excuse from Mr. John Winder, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, was laid before the house and read.

Mr. Stone brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 20, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

HIS Excellency general Washington being expected in this city, and desirous to shew him every attention and respect in our power, we propose to your honours, that an address or vote of thanks of this legislature be prepared for his Excellency, for the eminent services rendered his country, and that a public entertainment be provided for him. Should your honours concur in sentiment, we have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Lloyd, to join any members of the senate whom your honours shall think proper to appoint for this purpose.

Which was read a first and second time and agreed to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Forrest.

Matthew Tilghman and Robert Goldsborough, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the governor qualified. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by

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